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SUBJECT: MILITARY EXCHANGE VISITS WITH ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 9209

1. REFTEL REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON TWO MILITARY EXCHANGE MATTERS; A) THE STANDING INVITATION TO VISIT THE US FROM USAF C OF S TO HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPART, NOW GENERAL ZARNESCU; AND B) POSSIBILITY OF INVITING ADMIRALS ULMANU AND STEFAN TO VISIT THE US IF CURRENT PLANS FOR THEM TO VISIT SIXTH FLEET DO NOT MATERIALIZE.

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2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REAFFIRM THE INVITATION FROM USAF C OF S, SPECIFYING GENERAL ZARNESCU. A MINIMUM OF 90 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR PLANNING. FYI ONLY: A CHANGE IN USAF C OF S IS ANTICIPATED IN MID-SUMMER. END FYI. ZARNESCU VISIT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE THIS AUTUMN. USAF IS HOWEVER PREPARED TO BEGIN FIRM PLANNING FOR SUCH A VISIT AS SOON AS ROMANIANS INDICATE AN AUTUMN

DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. WE ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING ADMIRAL
ULMEANU TO VISIT THE US BUT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR
STAFFING. IF AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINISTER COMAN TAKES

PLACE BEFORE A DEFINITE ANSWER ON US VISIT HAS BEEN OBTAIN-
ED, AMBASSADOR MAY PURSUE THE INVITATION FOR A VISIT TO
THE SIXTH FLEET. IF SITUATION WARRANTS, AMBASSADOR MAY
ALSO INFORMALLY SOUND OUT COMAN ON A US VISIT FOR ULMEANU
BUT WITHOUT MAKING ANY COMMITMENTS UNTIL ADVISED.

4. TIMING OF POSSIBLE ULMEANU VISIT TO US SHOULD BE CON-
SIDERED IN RELATION TO ZARNESCU VISIT. IT MIGHT BE
DESIRABLE TO SPACE VISITS SO AS TO ALLOW FOR SOME
RECIPROCITY BY ROMANIANS. EMBASSY VIEWS ARE INVITED. CHRISTOPHER

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